

40 AT FIRST BOOST LUNCHEON

Belief in Deep Sands Sends Oil Land Prices Soaring

MAY JOIN TO BOOM CITY

Alarming Scarcity of Residence Lots Stressed at Meeting Wednesday

PLAN IMPROVEMENTS

Committees Named to Solve Problems Ahead of G. P. Plant Completion

The first of the weekly Chamber of Commerce luncheons, designed to bring about concerted action on Torrance problems was held at Earl's Cafe Wednesday noon with more than 40 present.

The improvement of Home-land, between Carson and 213th streets and Western and Normandie avenues.

The improvement of Arlington avenue and Cedar avenue north to connect the General Petroleum site with the city to the south.

The drafting of a city plan to guide future growth of newly annexed territory so that when it is developed eventually it will be an integral part of the present improved part of the city.

With the General Petroleum corporation ready to erect its 3500-man refinery here the need for residence lots and homes in the near year will be pressing. It is pointed out, to provide building lots the 4070-2761 improvement and that of Homeland are considered essential.

Several business men declared that the improvement of the two tracts is more important to Torrance now than the route of the parkway; that the local improvements should be constructed and the route of the parkway, if necessary be changed to follow Cedar avenue south to Carson street or even farther South.

Observations

Stocks Soar, Prosperity Is Assured—Japan and Aristocracy, Roumania and Peasantry—The United States and the Middle Course Which Is Best

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

WITH the election of Herbert Hoover stocks soared to new high records. That is good news. The stock market, sensitive to all trends, anticipates prosperity. The new prices which prevailed for stocks immediately after election were prices which took cognizance of profits to come.

REPEATEDLY Herbert Hoover has declared that our national prosperity depends upon our ability to market our surplus stocks and produce. This surplus can be marketed only abroad. It is significant that Mr. Hoover decided immediately after election to visit South and Central America.

IN Kyoto, thousands shouted "Banza!"—forever live the Emperor. Hirohito took the throne, proud receiver of a proud tradition—the 124th Emperor of Japan.

Let old families of Europe match the family tree of this newly throned son of the sun. His ancestors were reigning when those of the crowned heads of Europe were peasants. If everything is relative then the "old" families are without justification for pride when contrasted with the lineage from which Hirohito can boast.

IN Japan tradition took the throne. On the same day in Bucharest quite another picture was painted. Here went Juliu Maniu to power—Maniu, hero of the peasantry, stepping into control of a government which for 50 years has been crushed under the heel of a selfish capitalist government.

ONLY four days before the American people had gone about their great pliblic had cast ballots by millions, had elected a president. Japan enthroned aristocracy. Roumania cloaked labor. The United States did both—neither.

Sometimes we may worry about our experiment in Democracy. And yet the people usually can be counted upon to sense issues and gauge personalities. We demand of our candidates membership in but one aristocracy—the exclusive ranks of the able and fair. If they lean too far towards capital they are doomed. If they crush private enterprise to flirt with labor the great middle class, standing halfway between labor and capital, will drive them out.

THE results of the vote on the various amendments indicates that California is opposed to crank legislation, is grounded in the principles of democracy and is generous to a fault with unfortunates. Not such a bad letter of recommendation for the California electorate, is it?

DRAMA in a Los Angeles court room. Asa Keyes, indicted district attorney is the prisoner. Burton Fitts, formerly chief deputy under Mr. Keyes is the prosecutor. Keyes, politically dead, looks into the eyes of his former helper, now the most potent political personage in the county, one of the most potent in the state.

KEYES is aware that Fitts has knowledge of the manner in which the district attorney's office was run during the Keyes regime. Whether Fitts is sure or uncertain of the guilt of Keyes on the particular charges now at issue, it is not for us to say. But this is certain—that Burton Fitts represents the exact opposite of what Keyes represents. Never under Fitts would the Farmer Page case have been allowed to proceed as it did under Keyes.

MT. ETNA again spouts death. Farms are obliterated. Peaceful homes where peasants dwell are gone. Fertile fields lie buried under smouldering lakes of lava. Relief work is pushed on. Refugees with sad eyes flee to safety, huddle in groups to murmur over the catastrophe.

Worker on Light Here Is Injured

Charles Chase of Los Angeles, sustained painful injuries last Thursday, Nov. 8, when his foot was torn open by a slipping chain. The accident occurred while Mr. Chase was working on the new city lights.

THIS BABY HERE IS WONDER

Mitchell Mite at Hospital Weighs 2 1/2 Pounds at Birth

HE EATS LIKE A MAN

Doctor and Nurses Keep Infant Alive and He's Doing Well Now

He is a wee mite of a baby boy who kept his appointment with life three months early—but he takes his nourishment like a man and seems to appreciate what has been done for him at the famed Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital.

At first they fed the mite of that size who has kept his rendezvous with life three months early stays on in the world.

Two and a half pounds at birth, Baby Mitchell now tips the scales at three pounds and he is doing very nicely, thank you.

Is it any wonder that the parents glow with pride when they speak of him? And what nurse or doctor wouldn't be proud of having pulled the little fellow through?

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Santa Fe Shops Rumors Revived

Report Denied by Company Official, but Not for Publication

Rumors that the Santa Fe Railway Company has leased its San Bernardino shops to another company and will erect large shops on its property in Torrance could not be confirmed at the Santa Fe offices here this week.

A high official of the Chanisor-Carfield Midway Oil Company, Santa Fe subsidiary, scouted the idea.

GRANT PERMIT The city council Tuesday night granted the Kern Creamery a five-year permit to maintain a corrugated steel warehouse at the rear of its plant on Post avenue.

Hope for Universal Peace Marks Torrance Armistice Day Program: Handless Veteran in Strong Plea

Commemorating the end of the last great war, Torrance in its Armistice Day program Monday became part of a worldwide movement for universal peace. The program arranged by the Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion breathed the spirit of a people reaching out toward the hope of international concord.

Prayers went heavenward seeking Divine guidance in the search for the route away from war. A hero of the famous First division, District Commander Charles C. McGonegal, eloquently bespoke the aims of the Legion in seeking universal peace and as he gestured earnestly the artificial hands which science has given him instead of those which he lost in battle, his message went home with striking significance.

The meeting was held out of doors at 8:30 Monday morning in front of the Legion Clubhouse. Legionnaires, members of the Auxiliary, attractive under white berets and blue and gold frocks, Boy Scouts and city officials and police paraded from the corner of El Prado and Cravens avenue behind the Torrance band.

Post Commander N. F. Jamieson presided at the meeting in front of the clubhouse. A quartette composed of R. V. Bookler, P. F. Hogue, Scott R. Ludlow and Chas. Curtis sang three verses of "America."

Rev. R. A. Young, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church pronounced the invocation. Four members of Rev. Young were in the service during the war. One was killed and one severely gassed. Rev. Young's mother was one of the two Gold Star mothers present, the other being Mrs. F. W. Crossland, attorney whose son the local post is named.

District Commander McGonegal urged support of the Legion program for peace. He explained that Legionnaires who fought for victory in time of war now have dedicated themselves to the even more difficult task of preserving the peace. He told of the Legion bill before congress calling for a universal draft in time of war. Under the provisions of this measure, in time of war men, money, and industry—all the material and human resources of the country would be drafted into government service.

Mr. McGonegal lost both hands during the war and as he stood there under the sky pleading for peace he seemed to personify its need.

As Frank Schumaker hoisted the flag to a position at half mast the crowd turned west for one minute while a bugler sounded taps in memory of men who died during the war in the service of their country.

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New Main Highways Serving Torrance to Be Built Soon

Another step toward the widening and improvement of the Wilmington-Redondo road was taken Tuesday night when the Torrance city council voted jurisdiction to the county for the work on that part of the highway which lies in Torrance. Long Beach has already surrendered jurisdiction to the county and appropriations have been made for a bridge over the flood control.

The county, with state aid proposes to widen the road and improve it from the Esplanada in Redondo Beach to a point near Naples, east of Long Beach, providing another main east-west highway through the harbor district. The road runs into State street in Long Beach, paralleling Anaheim boulevard.

The resolution of the Torrance council surrendered jurisdiction on the following conditions, as recommended by City Engineer Frank Leonard: 1—that the road be widened to 80 instead of 100 feet as proposed by the county.

DELAY IN TEST IS SOUGHT

Big Companies Strive to Prevent Pioneering Ahead

MANY ACRES BOUGHT

Scores of Lots and Tracts Change Hands in Brisk Market

Soaring land values in the Torrance-Lomita oil field have resulted during the past weeks in scores of transfers of lots and acreage and sent rumors of deep tests scurrying throughout the district. Acres in the area where the top sand is proved have sold as high as \$4,000, according to field reports and several tracts in territory newly drilled have also changed hands.

That a deep test will be made before long, however, is admitted on all sides. Big companies, striving now to curtail production at Santa Fe Springs and in other fields will continue to discourage a deep test here until reserves in storage decrease and production elsewhere falls off.

Field men are unanimous in the belief that a productive zone exists at levels below that at which production is now being secured in the Torrance-Lomita field. No real deep test has ever been made in the area where the upper levels are proved, it is pointed out. Deep holes drilled along the edge of the structure logged numerous strata of narrow sand and shale, which, it is thought, extend out toward the center of the productive field.

The sorry condition of many wells in the Lomita part of the field, drilling experts declare, would not prevail again.

At almost every well which has been abandoned, it is said, pipe lifted up was crushed and broken. Oil men believe the pipe was broken by shifting sands even before production started. Improved drilling methods will eliminate this in the future, it is contended. Many field men assert that wells drilled in the Lomita district today would become commercial producers even from the top sands.

This contention, together with the prevailing belief in the existence of a productive deep sand, accounts for the brisk market for oil land throughout the field.

Field reports declare that the Richfield Oil Company and the George F. Getty interests have acquired a large number of holdings in the Lomita area during the past three months. Last week a drove of lease-holders were busy in the field. It was rumored that they represented the Getty interests. The rumor was not confirmed.

Auto Is Wrecked in Carson Crash

The car driven by Jesse Quayle, 533 Newport avenue, Long Beach, was wrecked Monday at 4 o'clock when it was struck by a car driven by C. W. Roenfeldt of 385 Termino street, Long Beach, on Carson street, between Harbor boulevard and Main street.

Quayle stated that Roenfeldt was driving on the wrong side of the road and refused to get over. He skidded for some feet, but was unable to avoid being struck by Roenfeldt's car.



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